

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 5093, FY 2003 Interior Appropriations.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6877–S6965

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2737–2749, and S. Con. Res. 128. **Page S6947**

Measures Reported:

S. 2740, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003. (S. Rept. No. 107–212) **Page S6947**

Greater Access to Affordable Pharmaceuticals Act: Pursuant to the order of July 16, 2002, Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 812, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide greater access to affordable pharmaceuticals, and began consideration of the bill. **Pages S6878–S6931**

By unanimous consent, Senate agreed to the committee reported amendment, that the bill, as amended, be considered as original text for the purpose of further amendment, and that no points of order be considered waived by virtue of this agreement. **Page S6887**

The following amendments were proposed and considered as follows:

Adopted:

By 69 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 179), Reid (for Dorgan) Amendment No. 4300 (to Amendment No. 4299), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S6890–S6909**

By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 180), Cochran/Breaux Amendment No. 4301 (to Amendment No. 4299), to protect the health and safety of Americans. **Pages S6909–30**

Pending:

Reid (for Dorgan) Amendment No. 4299, to permit commercial importation of prescription drugs from Canada. **Pages S6889–S6931**

Reid (for Stabenow) Amendment No. 4305 (to Amendment No. 4299), to clarify that section 1927 of the Social Security Act does not prohibit a State from entering into drug rebate agreements in order to make outpatient prescription drugs accessible and affordable for residents of the State who are not otherwise eligible for medical assistance under the Medicaid program. **Pages S6930–31**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 178), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 812, listed above. **Page S6883**

Military Construction Appropriations: Senate began consideration of H.R. 5011, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 2709, Senate companion measure, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S6931–34**

Adopted:

Feinstein/Hutchison Amendment No. 4306, to provide funding for certain military construction projects. **Page S6933**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 18, 2002, with a vote on final passage to occur at approximately 10:45 a.m. **Page S6965**

By prior unanimous consent, upon passage of the bill, the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate. **Page S6906**